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Wednesday

Credit Card Reform Bill OK'd

Senate passes legislation limiting excessive fees, rate hikes

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to rein in credit card rate increases and excessive fees, hoping to give voters some breathing room amid a recession that has left hundreds of thousands of Americans jobless or facing foreclosure.

The House was on track to pass the measure as early as Wednesday, paving the way for President Obama to see the bill on his desk by week's end. "This is a victory for every American consumer who has ever

suffered at the hands of a credit card company," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn. The bill passed the Senate 90-5.

If enacted into law as expected, the credit card industry would have nine months to change the way it does business: Lenders would have to post their credit card agreements on the Internet and let customers pay their bills online or by phone without an added fee. They'd also have to give consumers a chance to spare them-



Dodd

selves from over-the-limit fees and provide 45 days notice and an explanation before interest rates are increased.

Some of these changes are already on track to take effect in July 2010, under new rules being imposed by the Federal Reserve. But the Senate bill would put the changes into law and go further in restricting the types of bank fees and who can get a card. (AP)



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Gubernatorial hopefuls debate in Annandale, Va.

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Swine Flu's Spread Raises Fears in Japan



CAPITAL CONCERN: Japanese students wear masks as a precaution against swine flu during a tour of the Parliament in Tokyo on Tuesday. Dozens of new cases were confirmed in Japan Tuesday, raising the country's total to 176. Meanwhile, the WHO said it could take months to make a vaccine available.



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UFOS Cover Story Quickly Told, Disseminated

A NASA research balloon had some Arizonans wondering whether they had spotted alien spacecraft on Monday. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said he got calls about the object all afternoon. Bill Stepp of the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility in Palestine, Texas, identified the object as a 4,000-pound research balloon released from a NASA organization used to measure gamma ray emissions at high altitudes. (AP)

MISUSE 911 Operator Finds Job Unrewarding

Daytona Beach, Fla., authorities said two men called 911 after they were robbed at gunpoint while trying to buy 20 pounds of marijuana. The men went to a home Monday with \$12,000 to buy the drugs. Two men at the home jumped them, took their money and drove off. One of the victims called 911 for help. It's not clear whether drugs or money were recovered. (AP)



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PROSTHETICS Fake It Till You Make It

Dental prostheses specialist Tamas Kothay, left, prepares an artificial beak for implantation on a stork that lost its upper beak, in the Hortobagy Birds' Hospital in Hortobagy, Hungary, on Monday. The stork's lower, broken beak had been fixed by an operation, and an upper beak implant of synthetic resin was manufactured recently and will be set in place by Kothay. The cause of the bird's injury is unknown. (AP)

RELIGION
"And I said, 'Oh, my gosh — look at this. It really looks like a person in a robe praying.'"

— DAN BELL, WHO FOUND A CHEETO THAT LOOKS LIKE JESUS IN A BAG BOUGHT AT A TEXAS GAS STATION. "CHEESUS" IS MISSING A RIGHT ARM.



DANGEROUS Texting No Longer Stupidest Road Risk

A Needham, Mass., man may wish he had eaten breakfast in bed instead of in his car. Police said a man who was stopped for erratic driving last week was eating a bowl of cereal and milk while he drove. He told officers he was hungry. Lt. John Schlittler told the Boston Globe that the 48-year-old man, whose name was not released, was also driving with an expired license. The man has been cited for unlicensed operation, failure to stay in lanes and operating to endanger. Schlittler didn't know what kind of cereal the driver was eating. (AP)

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Dems Balk On Closure Of Prison

Senators delay funds to close Gitmo, ask White House for plan

WASHINGTON | President Obama's allies in the Senate will not provide funds to close the Guantanamo Bay prison until the administration comes up with an acceptable plan for transferring the detainees held there, top Democrats said on Tuesday.



Reid

And in a further break with Obama, the Senate's top Democrat said he opposes transferring any Guantanamo prisoners to the United States for their trials or to serve their sentences.

"I can't make it any more clear," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev. "We will never allow terrorists to be released in the United States."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Obama's plan to close Guantanamo is not dead — only that the funding will have to wait until the administration devises an acceptable plan. ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

New Fuel Rules Put Efficiency First

Obama's auto plan will likely shrink the size of U.S. vehicles

DETROIT | Some soccer moms will have to give up hulking SUVs. Carpenters will still haul materials around in pickup trucks, but they will cost more. Nearly everybody else will drive smaller cars, and more of them will run on electricity.

The higher mileage and emissions standards set by the Obama administration on Tuesday, which begin to take effect in 2012 and are to be achieved by 2016, will transform the American car and truck fleet.

The new rules would bring new cars and trucks sold in the United States to an average of 35.5 miles per gallon, about 10 mpg more than today's standards. Passenger cars will be required to get 39 mpg and light trucks 30 mpg.

That means cars and trucks on American roads will have to become smaller, lighter and more efficient.

Eric Fedewa, vice president



Electric hybrid cars are plugged in to charge during a demonstration of the vehicles in Seattle last year. President Obama unveiled new fuel standards Tuesday.

of global powertrain forecasting for the auto consulting firm CSM Worldwide in Northville, Mich., said the changes will make pickup trucks so much more expensive that they will be used almost exclusively for work.

And instead of a minivan or SUV, more parents will haul their families in much smaller vehicles

with three rows of seats.

The Obama administration says the changes mean the average vehicle would cost about \$1,300 more, although some private analysts say the increase will be much heavier. The administration says gas savings will make up the difference in about three years.

TOM KRISHER (AP)

Fuel for Thought

Automakers are fully behind the Obama administration's new set of fuel-economy rules, but make no mistake — these regulations will not be easy for them to meet.

1 How big of a challenge will this be for the industry?

To get an idea of how far away the auto industry is from the new benchmarks, consider this: Only six vehicles on sale today offer fuel economy of at least 35.5 mpg, according to Edmunds.com.

2 So, what are the automakers going to do to meet these requirements?

Manufacturers have vehicles in the pipeline that will help them clear the new hurdles, and they will likely be announcing more.

3 Does this spell the end of big SUVs?

Even the hybrid version of the popular Cadillac Escalade SUV gets a relatively weak 20 mpg. The new rules could lead to dramatic changes in the offerings in vehicle showrooms. (AP)



POLITICS No More Apologies Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele on Tuesday likened President Obama's popularity to that of a celebrity's and said Republicans can't be afraid of criticizing him head-on if they want to regain their relevance. Steele said the GOP has owned up to the mistakes that caused its fall from power and is embarking on a renaissance. "The era of apologizing for Republican mistakes of the past is now officially over," Steele said. "We have turned the corner." (AP)

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Dem Fundraiser
Is Found Guilty
Of Corruption

NEW YORK | A longtime fundraiser was convicted Tuesday of violating campaign finance laws in a case that became an embarrassment to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other prominent Democrats he courted.



Hsu

A jury in federal court in Manhattan deliberated less than three hours over two days before deciding Norman Hsu was guilty. Hsu, already jailed after an earlier guilty plea, showed no reaction as he was led out of court. Hsu had been accused of using clients of his fraudulent investment business to make thousands of dollars in campaign donations. (AP)

Warrant Is Issued in Chemo Case

Judge wants mother
arrested for keeping
son out of treatment

NEW ULM, MINN. | A judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for the mother of a 13-year-old boy resisting chemotherapy after the pair missed a court hearing on his welfare.

Brown County District Judge John Rodenberg also ordered that Daniel Hauser be placed in protective custody so he can get proper medical treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The cancer is considered highly curable with proper treatment, but



Daniel Hauser, 13, is resisting undergoing chemotherapy for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Daniel quit chemo after a single treatment and with his parents opted instead for "alternative

that Daniel's parents, Colleen and Anthony Hauser, were medically neglecting their son.

The family was due in court Tuesday to tell the judge results of a chest X-ray and arrangements for an oncologist. But Daniel's father was the only one who appeared. He told Rodenberg he last saw Colleen Hauser on Monday evening.

"She said she was going to leave," Hauser testified. "She said, 'That's all you need to know.'"

Daniel's lymphoma was diagnosed in January, and six rounds of chemotherapy were recommended. Daniel underwent one round in February but stopped after that single treatment. AMY FORLITI (AP)



EXCUSES 'Also, "The Young and the Restless" Was On' A man who left jury duty after lunch because he was "extremely bored" will be back at the courthouse Tuesday in Hillsboro, Ore., to be arraigned on a charge of contempt of court. A police report said officers found the 25-year-old man near his home earlier this month and asked why he skipped out of jury duty. He said he was bored, and "just couldn't take it" anymore. Washington County Judge Gayle Nachtigal issued a warrant for his arrest. (AP)

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In Brief



Rap artist Dolla was fatally shot at a shopping mall in Los Angeles Monday.

LOS ANGELES
Police Arrest Suspect In Slaying of Rapper Dolla

Up-and-coming rapper Dolla was killed in a shooting at a shopping mall Monday, police said. Los Angeles County Coroner's spokesman Ed Winter said Roderick Anthony Burton II, also known as Dolla, died after being shot in the head at the Beverly Center. Police arrested Aubrey Louis Berry, 23, at Los Angeles International Airport with a gun Monday night. He is a suspect in the shooting. (AP)

WACO, TEXAS
Bees Sting 74-Year-Old More Than 200 Times

A swarm of bees attacked a 74-year-old Texas man as he mowed his lawn, stinging him more than 200 times. Authorities in Waco said Harold Braun was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday, the day after the attack in his front yard. Paramedics pulled out more than 150 stingers from his body, and additional stingers were removed at the hospital. (AP)

NEW YORK
Famed Lincoln Biographer David Herbert Donald Dies

David Herbert Donald, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian of the Civil War and American South whose expertise on Abraham Lincoln brought him a wide general audience and reverence from his peers, has died. He was 88. Donald died of heart failure in Boston on Sunday while awaiting heart surgery. (AP)

In Brief



Refugees wait to return to their homes near Ambela, Pakistan, on Tuesday.

AMBELA, PAKISTAN

Pakistanis Try To Return To Area Seized by Taliban

About 500 people tried Tuesday to return to their villages in the Buner district seized by Taliban fighters last month after the provincial government urged residents to come back, saying the area was safe and the Taliban had been routed. The refugees waited for hours, but they were blocked from entering Buner by continued fighting. (AP)

YANGON, MYANMAR

Myanmar Appears To Rush Trial of Activist Suu Kyi

Myanmar's military regime appeared to be rushing through the trial of democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, with five witnesses testifying for the prosecution Tuesday. Her followers say the proceedings are designed to ensure the Nobel Peace laureate remains locked up during elections next year. (AP)

U.K. Speaker Quits Amid Scandal

Ouster follows news that many lawmakers abused expense policy

LONDON | For the first time in three centuries, the speaker of the House of Commons has resigned — the biggest casualty in a widening scandal in which lawmakers expensed such things as installing a chandelier or cleaning a moat at a country home.

Michael Martin took just 30 seconds Tuesday to break with centuries of convention, announcing that in the interest of maintaining unity in Parliament's lower house, he would leave his prestigious post by June 21.

"That is all I have to say on this matter," Martin said softly in his Scottish accent, swiftly calling the house to order and moving on to other business. Lawmakers who had crowded the chamber to hear the historic announcement filed out, surprised that such a moment was over in a flash.

The rest of Britain will likely not move on so easily. Since details of lawmakers' expenses became public earlier this month, the public's anger has intensified.

Claims have included such mundane items as cookies and pet food, and more costly ones such as a chandelier installation,



A TV screen grab shows Britain's House of Commons speaker, Michael Martin, as he announces his resignation Tuesday amid a scandal over lawmakers' expenses.

cleaning of a moat and even mortgage payments.

Conservative leader David Cameron is asking the public to sign a petition urging Prime Minister Gordon Brown to call an election as soon as possible, offering voters a chance to oust lawmakers who have abused expenses.

Brown is resisting calling an election. He said Tuesday that

any lawmaker in his Labour Party who broke expense rules won't be allowed to run in the next national election, which must be held by mid-2010. He is also calling for an overhaul of the system that allowed excesses.

"Westminster cannot operate like some gentleman's club, where the members make up the rules," he said. JENNIFER QUINN (AP)

“Whilst some items may be disputable as to whether they do or do not fall within the allowance, I would suggest that ... we need not spend too much time on debate.”

—DOUGLAS HOGG, IN A 2003 LETTER TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS REQUESTING “ABOUT £2,000” TO CLEAN HIS MOAT, AMONG OTHER EXPENSES, TELEGRAPH.CO.UK SAID.

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CHRIS HUHNE, one of Parliament's wealthiest lawmakers, submitted receipts for tea bags, bus tickets and milk.



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GERALD KAUFMAN, a Labour Party lawmaker, charged taxpayers for a rug from New York.



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World



A Sri Lankan on Tuesday reads a newspaper that details the conclusion of the country's 25-year civil war and the death of rebel chief Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Sri Lanka Urges Unity After War

President encourages political compromise among ethnic groups

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | Sri Lanka's president reached out Tuesday to the Tamil minority, calling for political compromise to unify this island nation after the defeat of the Tamil Tiger rebel group and the death of its leader.

But broad distrust between ethnic communities after a quarter century of warfare could make it difficult for President Mahinda Rajapaksa to accomplish that goal.

A day after the rebels were defeated on the battlefields of the north, state television broadcast footage of rebel chief Velupillai Prabhakaran's bloated body —

still dressed in green camouflage — laid out on a stretcher. A blue cloth rested on his head, apparently to cover a bullet wound. His open eyes stared blankly.

The footage was meant to refute rebel claims that their supreme leader had somehow survived the bloody final battle that killed 350 rebels and gave the government control of the entire country.

"Our motherland has been completely liberated from separatist terrorism," Rajapaksa said in a nationally televised speech to parliament. He declared Wednesday a national holiday of celebration.

He also extended a hand to the mainly Hindu Tamil community, which comprises 18 percent of the population, saying, "All the people of this country should live in safety." RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

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Physical Changes in Iraq

Health clubs thrive in Baghdad as more people pursue fitness

BAGHDAD | Across a mirrored room from stationary bikes and an occasional treadmill, men in tank tops knock back protein shakes and pump iron to loud hip-hop. It's a common scene in America — and the latest craze in Baghdad.

In a city of few diversions and long cut off from the outside world, the boom in health clubs represents another sign that Iraq is slowly emerging from decades of dictatorship and war.

Although young Iraqi males play



A man lifts weights at the Arnold Classic Gym in Baghdad, Iraq, last week.

soccer, the solitary pursuit of fitness is so far an indoors-only affair.

Most Baghdad gyms are for men only, although some have designated women-only hours.

And at least for men, it's mostly the macho stuff — weight lifting.

300 Though bodybuilding had a following in Iraq for years, it was mostly practiced in hot, smelly rooms with dim lighting — a stark contrast to the new gyms that play nonstop music and sell protein formulas.

Ali Abbas, 31, who owns the Dragon Gym, says his business is up by about 80 percent since 2003.

"It's a fad," he said. "So many people now want to work out. They want to look good." HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

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In Recession, Swap Till You Drop

Web sites that help people trade stuff are growing in popularity

NEW YORK | The turtleneck from designer Marc Jacobs costs hundreds of dollars at Neiman Marcus or Saks Fifth Avenue. But at one Brooklyn bar, the charcoal-gray sweater was free for the taking — along with jeans, belts and shoes.

The neighborhood watering hole called Sycamore will never be mistaken for a department store, but for some recession-battered consumers, it's serving a similar purpose. It's a chance to update



Frances Wood, left, and Sarah Hanks look for goods at a New York clothing swap.

their wardrobes and capture the adventure of shopping without having to open their wallets.

"It's guilt-free shopping," said Shannon McDowell, a bartender and swapper.

Friends have been trading among themselves as long as parents have been handing down outgrown baby clothes. Now, with some help from the Internet, swaps among strangers are cropping up in bars, schools, garages and churches across the United States.

The rules are simple: You bring something before you take something, and money never changes hands.

The popularity comes as Americans from every tax bracket are cutting back on how much they spend at stores. Apparel sales declined 10.1 percent in the first three months of the year. Impulse buying, which represents more than a quarter of

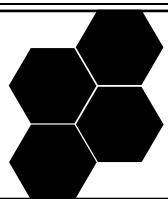
the fashion business, "is just not there at all," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst at market researcher NPD Group.

Swapping, it turns out, is one substitute for shopping. And it's not just clothes. People are trading DVDs, books, toys, and even house plants and garden seeds.

Though the bartering has been around forever, many events are being organized with help from modern technology.

While many swaps are organized among friends and neighbors, Web sites such as Swaptree.com and Paperbackswap.com help people trade old CDs, books and video games online. Totsswapshop.com, meanwhile, connects people who want to trade kids' items such as clothes and nursery furniture.

BARBARA ORTUTAY (AP)



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Smart Phone May Be Last Chance for Palm

Company announces Pre device will go on sale in early June

NEW YORK | Sprint Nextel Corp. plans to start selling Palm Inc.'s much anticipated new smart phone, the Pre, on June 6 for \$200. The device could give Palm a much-needed boost in sales and help Sprint stop the defection of subscribers to other wireless carriers.

The price — which requires a new two-year service and data plan and a \$100 mail-in rebate — and the launch date are both close to what industry watchers were expecting.

The Pre, which looks like an iPhone but sports a slide-out keyboard in addition to a touch screen, is seen as Palm's chance of reversing a long slide and taking



Sprint Nextel Corp. plans to start selling the Pre, above, on June 6 for \$200.

on newer smart phones such as the iPhone and BlackBerry.

Analyst Ken Dulaney said Palm has "a legitimate shot of resurrecting themselves," but argues that for the Pre to be successful, it would have to become the dominant smart phone at Sprint, which he thinks is unlikely. (AP)

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THE PERCENTAGE OF Americans in a random survey of 1,000 people conducted in March who said they live paycheck to paycheck and are unable to save money as a result. (AP)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

O'Malley Signs Public Safety, Health-Related Bills

To prevent senseless killings like one that touched a key member



O'Malley

of his administration, Gov. Martin O'Malley signed legislation on Tuesday requiring a judge to confiscate firearms from people who have

final protective orders filed against them. The measures were among several public safety and health-related bills that the governor signed in the last of three bill signing ceremonies this year. (AP)

OXON HILL, MD.

Disney to Build Resort Hotel at National Harbor

Walt Disney Co. has purchased land for a 500-room hotel at the National Harbor development in Prince George's County. Disney and the Peterson Companies, the developer of National Harbor, announced the \$11 million acquisition Tuesday. The companies say the project being considered for the 15-acre parcel is not a theme park. Rather, it is one in a new line of stand-alone "resort hotels," the first of which is under construction in Hawaii. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Former AARP Official Pleads Guilty in Scam Case

AARP's former events director has pleaded guilty in a scam involving a sham company he created to get \$250,000 in contracts from the advocacy group. Bruce Sanders of Washington admitted he entered AARP into three consulting and production contracts with the fake company, naming as president of the company a man with whom Sanders was romantically involved. AARP paid the company \$135,000. Sanders faces a sentence of 12 months to 18 months in prison plus a fine of up to \$30,000. (AP)

Va. Rivals Take Aim at McAuliffe

Democrats participate in final debate before gubernatorial primary

Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls R. Creigh Deeds and Brian Moran sought to isolate Terry McAuliffe in the final debate among the three primary candidates Tuesday by repeatedly and vigorously attacking him on his credibility.

Deeds and Moran accused McAuliffe of promising too much

to too many, charged that he exaggerated claims about his business record, and suggested he had hidden the truth about his campaign donations.

"These are the divisive politics of destruction that people are sick and tired of," McAuliffe said. "We need a healthy discussion on the issues," he added.

With three weeks until the June 9 primary, the final debate mirrored the closing themes of the primary campaign — with most of



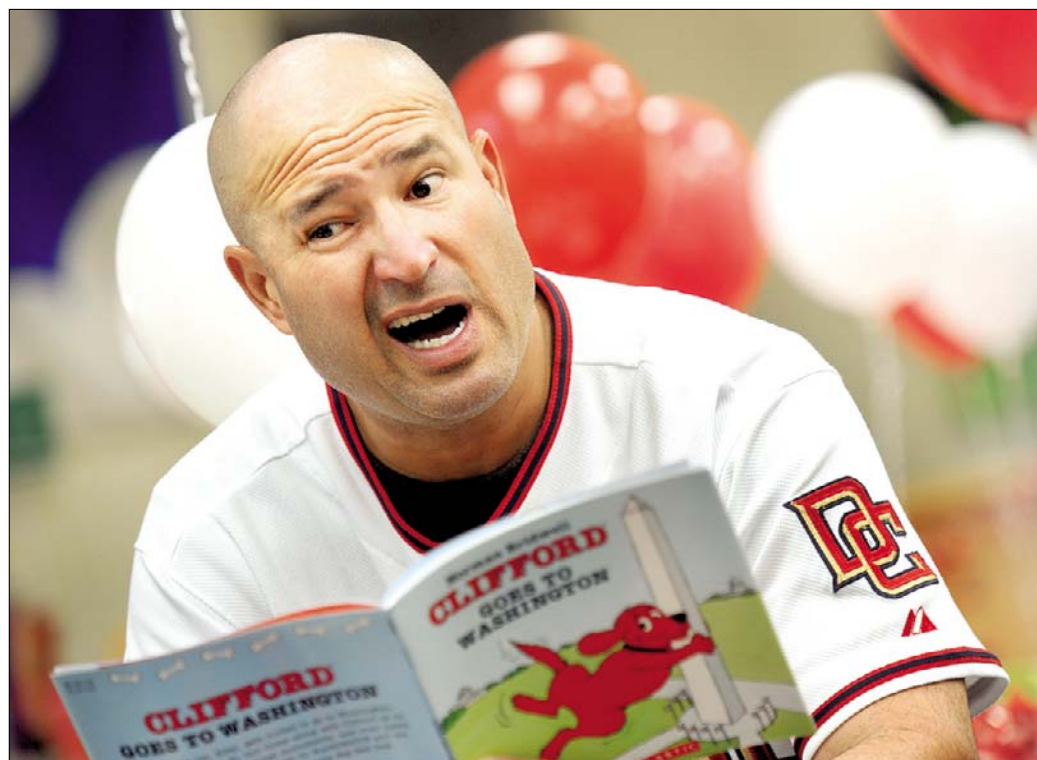
Rep. Brian Moran, D-Va., left, speaks at the gubernatorial debate on Tuesday.

the attention continuing to focus on McAuliffe's outsider bid to become the Democratic standard-bearer in the general election campaign against Republican Robert F. McDonnell.

Hundreds came out to watch the three Democrats at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale campus as each sought to stamp a final impression in a race where polls show the majority of voters remain undecided.

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | NATS' MANAGER READS TO D.C. KIDS



BIG READ MACHINE: Washington Nationals manager Manny Acta embellishes "Clifford Goes to Washington" as he reads to second-graders at Kimball Elementary in Southeast Monday as part of the Reading Is Fundamental program.

Pimlico Beer Ban To Remain

Racing officials have no plans to permit BYOB in the infield

Despite a ban on bringing your own beer at Saturday's Preakness Stakes that drove away thousands of fans, Maryland racing officials said that they have no plans to restore the racetrack's infield to its traditional alcohol-doused party past.

"I don't see us going back to last year's policy," said Maryland Jockey Club President Tom Chuckas, who ordered the alcohol ban after years of fans' drunken revelry, breast-baring and races across the tops of portable toilets. "The overriding tenor of the comments was that the mood in the infield was very positive."

Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Calvert, said the track "has got to come up with a compromise" that preserves security but does not drive away thousands of college students. "The college kids need to know they're welcome," he said.

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, May 19

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-5-4
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	1-5-6
Mid-day DC 4	0-8-6-1
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	2-4-9-2

Rolling Cash Five (Mon.) **18-23-26-34-35**
Daily 6 (Mon.) **8-11-22-27-33-36 (32)**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-7-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-7-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-7-1-8
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	4-1-7-6
Match 5 (Mon.)	9-10-17-30-32 (15)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	0-2-5
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	9-9-1
Mid-day Pick 4	5-8-7-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	9-3-5-0
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	9-12-17-20-25
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	3-5-9-22-25

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office.

United Ponders Possible Move

Stadium standstill leaves team in limbo about future in D.C.

UNITED | D.C. United's first home game since fans rallied and marched in support of a new stadium 11 days ago will serve as a stark reminder of how frustrating the team's situation is.

The opponent in Wednesday's U.S. Open Cup match, the New York Red Bulls, has had three names, no titles and 14 years of moribund crowds.

Yet thanks to wealthy investors, it will open a state-of-the-art stadium next year alongside the Passaic River. Its future is secure, while United drifts after failed efforts to build in both the District and Prince George's County.

"I think in both instances it was a matter of political will,"



D.C. United players celebrate with fans after a victory earlier this year. United is hoping for another kind of win — one that will land the soccer team a new stadium.

United President Kevin Payne said. "We made what we thought were very reasonable financial proposals, and the process didn't

go forward."

Now the question is whether the club, which can't afford to continue losing money at decay-

“There are people who would be interested in having us moving to their community.”

—KEVIN PAYNE
D.C. UNITED PRESIDENT

ing RFK Stadium, will go forth in search of greener pastures. Eight of MLS' 15 clubs currently play in soccer-specific stadiums, with several more on the way. Yet United remains in limbo.

"There is a chance that could happen," Payne said of American soccer's most decorated club's leaving the nation's capital. "There are more interested ownership groups around the country than there are franchise expansion opportunities. There are people who would be interested in having us moving

to their community."

He also said that "it's not an outcome that we desire" and is "something that I will work very hard to ensure never happens."

The scarcity and price of land in the D.C. area is a significant obstacle, and Payne said the team is having "quiet, early conversations to see if there's anything to talk about" with officials in the area. "We're not rushing. ... We're trying to understand if there's a community out there that wants us, that wants to commit to seeing a process through."

He said it would be "easier to go a little further into Virginia" than Maryland, considering more of United's fan base resides there, but at this point, he just wants politicians to recognize that the club "is a bit part of people's lives. ... Great cities, great communities have great sports teams."

BRIAN STRAUS

Out of action: United looks for ways to replace injured midfielder Ben Olsen | Today's Post, Sports

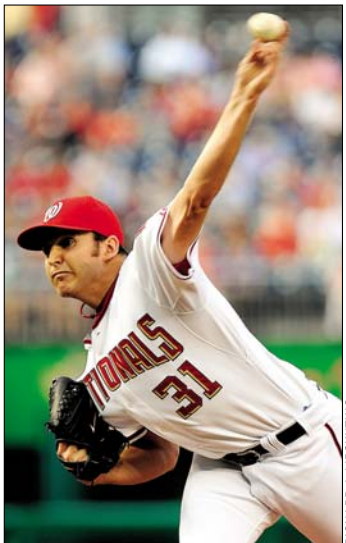
Nats' Lannan Can't Catch a Break

NATS NOTES

AS A PITCHER, you can't control run support. John Lannan learned that firsthand last year.

Though the Washington Nationals' left-hander finished the season with a respectable 3.91 ERA, the back of his baseball card shows a much less impressive 9-15 record. Only one pitcher in baseball, Barry Zito, lost more games.

Things haven't been much better for him this season. He's allowed three earned runs or fewer in six of his eight starts, yet he has only two wins to show for it. He pitched seven shutout innings against the Braves last month, only to see his



John Lannan has never enjoyed much run support starting for the Nationals.

team lose 1-0 on a bases-loaded walk in the ninth. "Wins and losses, you can't control," said Lannan, who starts Wednesday against the Pittsburgh Pirates. "I learned that last year. I've just got to go out there and do my job."

That attitude, however, has not gone unnoticed in the Nationals' clubhouse. "That's why he's earned all of our respect so quickly," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. "He never complains. He just goes out there and takes the ball and gives it what he's got."

No glove

With four more errors on Monday night — which led to two unearned runs — the Nationals

further cemented their position as the worst fielding team in baseball. With 41 errors through Monday, the Nationals have committed eight more errors than the next-sloppiest team, the Seattle Mariners.

The errors have led to 28 unearned runs, also the most in baseball, in the team's first 37 games. By comparison, the Los Angeles Dodgers have allowed just six unearned runs.

Walking man

No one ever accused Cristian Guzman of being a prototypical leadoff hitter. That's why he and manager Manny Acta exchanged wry smiles in the fifth inning Monday when Guzman drew his first of the season — after 120 at bats. Guzman, however, holds an NL-best .385 batting average. DEREK TURNER

NFL Picks New Orleans to Host 2013 Super Bowl

FOOTBALL | New Orleans is a Super Bowl city again.

NFL owners voted Tuesday to play the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans, the first time the championship game will be played there since Hurricane Katrina shredded parts of the Louisiana Superdome.

The hurricane caused 1,600 deaths and devastated the Gulf Coast four years ago.

New Orleans beat out Miami — which sought a record 11th Super Bowl — and 2008 host Glendale, Ariz., for the game. This is the 10th time New Orleans will be the site of the Super Bowl.

New Orleans last hosted in 2002, when Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal as time expired lifted New England over St. Louis. (AP)



NOTRE DAME Everyone's a Critic Having put up with hecklers at Notre Dame, President Obama got in a shot of his own at the school's football team, which has gone its longest stretch without a national title. After giving the commencement speech at Notre Dame, Obama joked at an Indianapolis fundraiser Sunday night that the controversy surrounding his campus appearance "paled in comparison to what to do about the football team." "That's an issue we may not resolve within my four years," he said. (AP)

Stars Set To Collide for East Title

Howard, James take very different paths to the conference finals

NBA PLAYOFFS | Two of the NBA's youngest ambassadors, they share infectious smiles, great senses of humor and unchained joy when they play. In a league loaded with



remarkably gifted athletes, this pair stand out as physical phenomena.

Superheroes in shorts.

One is Superman, a powerful, 6-foot-11 shot-blocking machine who went so far as to reject his coach during the postseason.



Orlando's Dwight Howard guards Cleveland's LeBron James. The two superstars will begin their series on Wednesday night with a trip to the NBA Finals on the line.

The other's a king, and based on recent command performances, his reign may be just beginning.

Dwight Howard and LeBron James have known each other

8

The number of games the Cavs have played in the playoffs — all wins by 10 or more points.

for years. Casual friends, former No. 1 overall draft picks as teenagers and U.S. Olympic teammates who won gold medals together last summer, they have been undeniable forces on the court this season.

And they are about to collide.

When the Orlando Magic and Cleveland Cavaliers meet in this year's Eastern Conference final starting Wednesday, all eyes will be on Howard and James, the getting-better-by-the-day superstars who have each elevated their

games and carried their teams to new heights.

Orlando's landing in the conference final was nothing short of magical. In dethroning the defending champion Celtics, the Magic became the first team in 33 tries to overcome a 3-2 series deficit against the league's most storied franchise.

Orlando's surprising comeback began after Howard criticized coach Stan Van Gundy following a loss in Game 5, when the Magic blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead. Howard was upset that he didn't touch the ball enough.

James, on the contrary, has yet to experience adversity of any sort in this postseason. He and the Cavaliers are a perfect 8-0, with all eight wins coming by 10 points or more. That's not expected in this showdown. "It's going to be a tough series," Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas said. "I wouldn't be surprised if it goes all seven games." TOM WITHERS (AP)



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NFL, Comcast Strike Deal

Cable company will carry football channel for the next 10 years

TELEVISION | The NFL Network will stay in Comcast Corp.'s TV lineup under a deal that also could open the door for the football channel to be shown by other major cable TV operators that do not yet carry the network.

Comcast and the National

Football League said Tuesday they had reached an agreement for the nation's largest cable TV operator to air the football channel on its second-most popular digital tier of service.

The deal spans 10 years and would cost Comcast 40 cents to 45 cents per subscriber, down from the NFL's previous asking price of 70 cents. By Aug. 1, the NFL Network will be carried throughout Comcast's service areas on a pro-



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said he'll try to resolve all NFL Network issues.

gramming package called Digital Classic, which has about 10 million subscribers.

The NFL also threw in access to an upcoming channel focusing on touchdowns, called RedZone.

"We've turned a new page," said Comcast CEO Brian Roberts, in a conference call with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Goodell added the NFL will be working to resolve any differences it has with other cable operators that don't carry the network — including Time Warner Cable Inc., Cablevision Systems Corp. and Charter Communications Inc. (AP)

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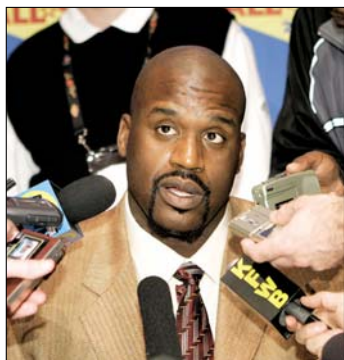
Sports

Shaq a Star Pupil at Sportscaster U

NBA center prepares for life after hoops with class at Syracuse

THE FUTURE | Shaquille O'Neal is in training for his next career.

The 7-foot-1 center is taking a course at Syracuse University known as Sportscaster U, a crash course designed to teach athletes about the broadcasting industry. He arrived Sunday and started school Monday at the S.I. Newhouse School



Shaq has never been shy in front of reporters. He may become one soon.

of Public Communications.

"I've been an athlete that's sort of in advance; always thinking," O'Neal said Monday during a break in his studio work. "After basketball, I'd love to have my own radio show, my own TV show."

The inaugural Sportscaster U was held last summer in conjunction with the National Basketball Players Association. Four players, including Eric Snow and Adrian Griffin, signed up for the hands-on course. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON TNT) The well-rested Cavs host the Magic, which beat the Celtics to earn a spot in the Eastern Conference Finals.

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN2) Two dreadful teams, the Nats and the Pirates, play in a game only die-hard fans will watch from start to finish.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN2) The Birds continue their series against the suddenly red-hot New York Yankees.

MORE BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON WGN) The Cubs and Cardinals renew a classic rivalry.

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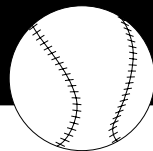
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Tired Menace to Society

**The Eminem of yore
rears his angry head,
but 'Relapse' leaves
apathy in its wake**

MUSIC | Every summer, some character from a past blockbuster comes back to entertain yet again. The character teases with the notion that this time will be just as thrilling as the last — but usually disappoint.

Last year it was Indiana Jones. This year, it's Eminem's Slim Shady.

Rap's demented antihero — the star of Eminem's best-selling CDs and biggest hits — has returned to torment us once again on

**New layers of gore
and hateful epi-
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er, especially if the
rhymes are weaker.**

"Relapse," Eminem's first full studio album in almost five years.

"I guess it's time for you to hate me again/Let's begin, now hand me the pen," he chants in the refrain of "Medicine Ball," a nonsensical ode to menacing behavior that includes everything from a Christopher Reeve insult to pill-popping references.

The problem is, what "Relapse"



BEEN THERE, HEARD THIS: We know Eminem can rage against the machine, his mom, the government, etc. But after four albums of rage, a fresh angle is in order.

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inspires more than hate is indifference. When Eminem and his alter ego, Slim Shady, made their debut a decade ago, not only were the raps a lot wittier, but they also introduced us to a sinister darkness that was shocking and revelatory at the same time; we felt as if we were getting an insider's view of a tormented soul gleefully upending society.

Four albums later, we get the picture. Adding new layers of gore, misogyny and hateful epithets doesn't make it any fresher, especially if the rhymes are progressively weaker. "Bagpipes from Baghdad" skewers Mariah Carey, but wasn't that so 2003?

Equally dated is the weak first single, "We Made You," which takes shots at Sarah Palin and the romance between Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer, which fizzled four months ago. Even if the romance were still relevant, the celebrity potshot comes off as a rote attempt to capture the magic of songs such as "Without Me" without any of the sizzling rhymes.

But Eminem didn't become known as one of the best rappers alive (some say THE best) for nothing, and "Relapse" proves that he's still an unparalleled storyteller. Unfortunately, that proof comes only in spurts, such as on the alternately tragic and hilarious sex abuse tale "Insane" and "My Mom," on which he points the finger yet again at his horrid mother— but this time, for his dependence on over-the-counter and prescription drugs. **NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)**



King Hippo looks very ready to rumble.

Wii Game Packs a Punch

**Nintendo's newest
offering is nostalgic
but also innovative**

VIDEO GAME | "Punch-Out!!" (Nintendo, for the Wii, \$49.99) is certain to cause flashbacks in gamers of a certain generation to 1987's "Mike Tyson's Punch-Out!!"

Once again, your first fight is against the wimpy Frenchman Glass Joe. As you build your skills, you challenge tougher opponents such as the belligerent German Von Kaiser and the boozy Russian Soda Popinski.

The major gameplay change is the use of the Wii's motion-sensing controllers. Thrusting the wand or the nunchuck toward the screen simulates a punch, and if you own the Wii Balance Board, you can simulate ducking and dodging.

On its surface, "Punch-Out!!" doesn't aspire to the depth of a boxing sim like EA Sports' "Fight Night." But don't let its appearance fool you. You'll need quick thinking and sharp reflexes to make it to the top. **LOU KESTEN (AP)**



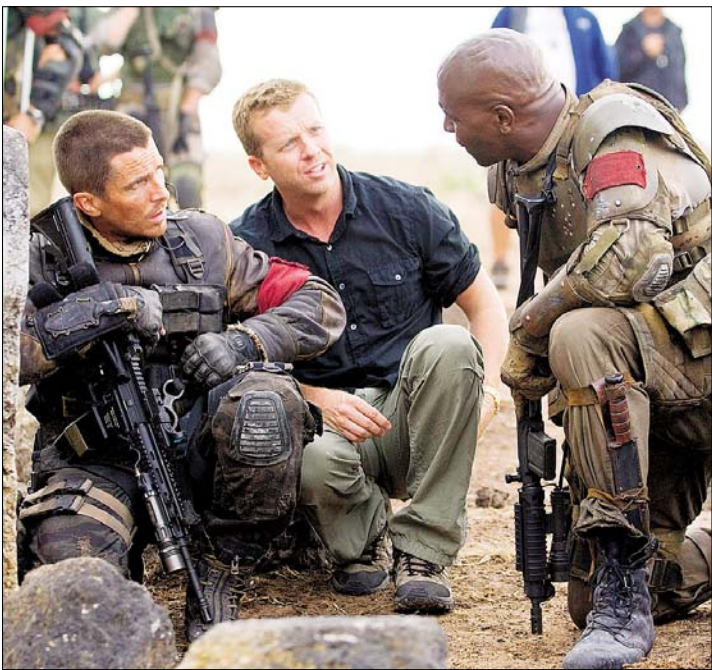
MOVIES Leadership Role DreamWorks Studios plans to tell Martin Luther King Jr.'s story on the big screen in a film to be co-produced by Steven Spielberg, the studio announced Tuesday. DreamWorks said it has acquired the civil rights leader's life story from the King Estate. Officials are touting the project as the first theatrical motion picture authorized by the estate using King's intellectual property, including copyrighted speeches and other works, as the basis for the film. **(AP)**

What's in a Cheesy Name?

Despite his awkward moniker, 'Terminator' director McG heads toward the big time

FILMMAKER | This week the "Terminator" franchise returns to theaters with its darkest chapter yet, a relentless, spirit-crushing vision of the future in which humans are snuffed by killer robots. There are not a lot of lighthearted moments in this film, but you might hear chuckles in the theater during the screen credits because of one line: "A McG film." McG? Let the eye-rolling begin. There's something about that name that conjures up images of Sacha Baron Cohen's hip-hop buffoon Ali G or maybe McLovin. But the man behind the name

— or perhaps under it — is the most relentlessly upbeat filmmaker in Hollywood, even if his face droops when the nickname issue is raised. "Believe me, I know; people hear the name and they just think, "That guy must be a jerk,"" the 38-year-old said with a groan. The moniker was hung around his neck by his parents, who put "Joseph McGinty Nichol" on his birth certificate, but then decided "McG" would be a tidy way to avoid household confusion since the boy's grandfather and uncle were also named Joseph. "Salvation" is set in 2018 and the war between the malevolent machines of SkyNet and humanity that has been foretold since the first film is under way, and it's not going well for the side that bleeds.



McG, center, has a chat with actors Christian Bale, left, and Terry Crews on set.

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Christian Bale is the finally adult John Connor, who the previous films set up as the prophesied savior of humanity in the face of the killing machines. McG was paid \$6 million to direct "Terminator Salvation," and he has locked in a \$10 million deal for the sequel. This film arrives in theaters as a PG-13 flick, the first "Terminator" film without an R rating. That decision was driven by the success of Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight" last year. McG says flatly: "This is the movie we wanted." GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:20

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA: LA CENERENTOLA ENCORE (NR–NOT RATED) ✓ 7:00

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:10, 4:30, 5:10, 6:20, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40

NEXT DAY AIR (R) 1:00, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:40, 6:50, 8:00, 9:10, 10:15

STAR TREK (PG13) 1:50, 2:30, 4:50, 5:30, 7:50, 8:30

STAR TREK (PG13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 1:35, 4:15, 7:05

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:30, 2:10, 2:55, 4:35, 5:05, 6:15, 8:10, 9:05

OBSESSED (PG13) 1:05, 4:00, 4:40, 6:45, 9:20

THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 10:05

EARTH (G) 2:05

17 AGAIN (PG13) 4:45, 7:35, 10:05

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 1:25, 4:25

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 1:45 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

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MANAGEMENT (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05

RUDO Y CURSI (R) 12:35, 3:40, 6:25, 9:15

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.

NEXT DAY AIR (R) 2:40, 4:50, 7:00

OBSESSED (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30

THE SOLOIST (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20

17 AGAIN (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50

I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10

AMC SELECT

MANAGEMENT (R) 3:20, 5:40, 8:00

RUDO Y CURSI (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:40

ADVENTURELAND (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway

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17 AGAIN (PG13) 6:55, 9:20

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 1:50, 4:20 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.

SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW

TERMINATOR SALVATION (PG13) ✓ 12:01 AM

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15

STAR TREK (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 1:20, 2:05, 3:35, 4:20, 5:05, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:55, 4:35, 5:40, 7:15, 8:20, 10:00

OBSESSED (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30

THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05

EARTH (G) 12:55, 3:15

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25

AMC SELECT

MANAGEMENT (R) ✓ 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center

DIGITAL 3D

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) 1:45, 4:05

SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW

TERMINATOR SALVATION (PG13) ✓ 12:01 AM

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

STAR TREK (PG13) 10:15 PM

THE PROPOSAL (PG13) ✓ 7:30

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA: LA CENERENTOLA ENCORE (NR–NOT RATED) ✓ 7:00

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 12:45, 1:25, 2:20, 3:05, 3:50, 4:35, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:40, 9:30, 10:20, 10:50

NEXT DAY AIR (R) 1:30, 3:45, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35

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THE SOLOIST (PG13) 5:35, 8:20, 11:00

EARTH (G) 12:25, 2:55

17 AGAIN (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 12:30, 3:35, 10:55

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo

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NEXT DAY AIR (R) 1:30, 3:00, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:10

STAR TREK (PG13) 1:05, 3:05, 4:05, 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 10:05

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:45, 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 7:45, 9:10, 10:15

FIGHTING (PG13) 7:10, 9:40

OBSESSED (PG13) 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45

THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:40, 4:40

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 1:40 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

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SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW

TERMINATOR SALVATION (PG13) ✓ 12:01 AM

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) ✓ 3:10, 6:20, 9:30

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EARTH (G) 2:25, 5:00

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LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph

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MANAGEMENT (R) ✓ 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00

RUDO Y CURSI (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20

IS ANYBODY THERE? (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50

TYSON (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:15

SUGAR (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00

SUNSHINE CLEANING (R) 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:45

SIN NOMBRE (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10

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THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:00

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 12:50, 4:20, 7:40, 10:00

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION

STAR TREK (PG13) 7:00, 10:15

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THE SOLOIST (PG13) 12:55, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50

EARTH (G) 12:50, 3:05

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STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 8:05, 10:55

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 12:40, 3:05, 5:35

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RUDO Y CURSI (R) 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:25

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG13) ✓ 1:35, 4:35, 7:35

STAR TREK (PG13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 4:45

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:10

THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:55, 7:15

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3 Night in the Museum

So, you missed the celebrity-soaked premiere of "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" last week. We have something cooler for you: a midnight show at the IMAX theater in the Museum of Natural History. You won't see Ben Stiller, but you'll get that insider thrill from being inside the Smithsonian after it's closed. The screening is preceded by a short film, "Pulse." f.z.

→ *National Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 11 p.m., \$15; 202-633-3030, Mnh.si.edu. (Federal Triangle)*

1 Geographical Confusion

Yes, the band is called Liechtenstein, even though its members hail from Sweden. Yes, it's confusing. But you won't care where they're from when you hear their odd, catchy indie-pop, though. It's alternately wistful and happy, and all delivered with the most wonderful accents south of the Arctic. They'll be playing at the Velvet Lounge tonight, along with locals Lorelai and indie-blues band the Sundresses. f.z.

→ *Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; 9 p.m., \$8; 202-462-3213, Velvetloungedc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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2 Lunch for a Cause

D.C. has scads of amazing upscale restaurants, but the masses rarely get a chance to try them. Today for \$11, you can nosh on lunch items prepared by some of D.C.'s best restaurants — and if you're in the mood for pleb food, Chipotle and McDonald's are also participating. Your ticket buys lunch samples from six restaurants, and your money goes to support the Capital Area Food Bank. f.z.

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Judgment of the Judge

Kara DioGuardi talks about the scrutiny and joy that 'Idol' brings

FOURTH | As season 8 of "American Idol" draws to a close Wednesday, the question arises: Will the union of Kara DioGuardi, the thriving songwriter, and Idol, the only massively popular television show, last?

Before this season, the search for a fourth judge and DioGuardi's hiring were kept shockingly quiet. According to Fox's Mike Darnell, "she was the clear choice of the people we looked at."

From DioGuardi's side, she feared that her severe stage fright and lack of television experience would hinder her.

"I could be fired at any time," DioGuardi said she thought to herself as she traveled from city to city shooting the show's first



The jury is still out on whether DioGuardi will return for another season of "Idol."

round. "Done. Axed. Probably even during this process."

If DioGuardi does turn out to be a one-season wonder, she would feel it keenly — even if she were not brought back, for example, because having four judges has proved to be an unwieldy time suck.

But, DioGuardi said, it has also been a fascinating spectacle for

her to experience.

"You know when they say TV really tells the truth? Sometimes I think, 'God, I look happy.'"

"And when I'm on that show, the vibes are good. It's an energizing, inspiring show. And it overflows onto me. And I forget that I'm scared." KATE AURTHUR (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Theft in The Fog Of War

THEFTS | The documentary "Loot" (8 p.m., HBO2) follows two World War II veterans as they try to rediscover the art and artifacts they had plundered and hidden during their combat days.

Not even the passage of six decades can separate these men from the legal and moral entanglements of their youthful deeds. And while searching to recover their buried treasure, the men discover that they have more in common than they could ever have suspected. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

tonight's lineup

EMOTIONAL EVENING

Buried feelings and shocking news on **THE NEW ADVENTURES OF OLD CHRISTINE** (8 p.m., CBS).

TIME'S RUNNING LOW

Unfinished business for Gary and Allison on **GARY UNMARRIED** (8:30 p.m., CBS).

CANADIAN CLUES

A killer leads the team north of the border on a two-hour **CRIMINAL MINDS** (9 p.m., CBS).

MADAM PARKER

TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY (10 p.m., E!) profiles Eva Longoria.

IF OXYCLEAN DOES ...

Does a broken screw extractor have enough "wow" factor for the **PITCHMEN** (10 p.m., Discovery)?

THE GROSS FAMILY

CLEAN HOUSE (10 p.m., Style) embarks



Eva Longoria is the subject of "True Hollywood Story's" season finale.

on the search for **THE MESSIEST HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY**.

FEAT OF STRENGTH

Elizabeth Edwards appears on

THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART

(11 p.m., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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RENEWAL Maintaining 'Order' "Law & Order" will match "Gunsmoke's" record 20-year run. On Monday, NBC renewed Dick Wolf's veteran crime drama for a 20th season. The order is believed to be for 16 episodes. The show's current cast includes Jeremy Sisto (pictured), Anthony Anderson and Sam Waterston. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



Mexico Resorts Offer 'Flu Free' Deal

DEALS | The U.S. Centers for Disease Control have downgraded warnings about travel to Mexico but deals still abound to get tourists to come back.

A group of resorts in Mexico are so sure you won't get swine flu there that they're offering three free trips if you do.

"The 'Flu Free Guarantee' represents our certainty that Mexico is a safe and healthy destination," said spokesman Alex Zozaya.

The participating properties are Zoetry Wellness & Spa Resorts, Secrets and Dreams Resorts & Spas, Azul Hotels by Karisma, El Dorado Spa Resorts & Hotels by Karisma, and Real Resorts, located in Cancun, Riviera Maya and Playa del Carmen.

George Hobica, founder of Airfarewatchdog.com, says flights to Mexico are also on sale because of the swine flu scare.

"What we're finding is not just that fares are low, but that they're low for travel through next winter with no jacking up of prices for peak season," he said. (AP)



Guests ride on the new, 80 mph Diamondback roller coaster at Kings Island amusement park in Mason, Ohio, last month.

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Coaster Control

Amusement parks introduce faster rides and interactive games

THRILLS | A roller coaster where riders can pick a personal soundtrack, a pirate ride with water gun fights, the tallest water ride in the world, and a walkway that sparkles at night with a million lights are some of the most exciting new attractions at amusement parks this year.

Other theme park news includes a ride based on the new "Terminator" movie at Six Flags Magic Mountain near Los Angeles and the new Diamondback coaster at Kings Island in Ohio, with speeds

WILDER RIDES
New Mid-Atlantic attractions:

→ **KINGS DOMINION** in Doswell, Va., has added New Americana, a 110-foot-tall Ferris wheel, and El Dorado, a swinging pendulum ride.

→ **BUSCH GARDENS EUROPE** in Williamsburg, Va., has created New Sesame Street Forest of Fun, with four new rides including a junior coaster and log flume.

→ **HERSHEY PARK** in Hershey, Pa., is introducing to its Boardwalk area the Shore wave pool and the Intercoastal Waterway lazy river.

up to 80 mph.

The coaster with customized music, the Hollywood Rip Ride

Rockit at Universal in Orlando, exemplifies a continuing theme park trend of "interactive experiences that can change based on guests' participation," said David Mandt, spokesman for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

A new Six Flags attraction, Buccaneer Battle, lets you have a dynamic water battle. People on each boat use Super Soaker cannons to hit other riders and targets, some of which blast water back.

Small kids must ride with an adult, but kids of all ages enjoy it, said Six Flags spokeswoman Brooke Gabbert. "We had a grandpa on the ride, and he was having a blast." BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)

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FROM BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE

7-NIGHT HAWAII CRUISE

\$749 Take a seven-night sail on Norwegian Cruise Line's Pride of America round trip from Honolulu, with stops in Kahului, Maui; Hilo and Kona, Big Island; and Nawiliwili, Kauai.

WHEN: Aug. 22 and 29, 2009; add

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round-trip flights from Baltimore, transfers and three nights at the all-inclusive beachfront Occidental Grand Punta Cana resort in the Dominican Republic. **WHEN:** June 1-15, 2009; add \$40 for June 16-Aug. 31. **DETAILS:** Includes fuel surcharges. Single supplement is \$95. **CONTACT:** Travel Themes and Dreams, 877-870-7447, Travelthemesanddreams.com.

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recipe **file****Cuban Sandwich**

In the cafes of Havana — and Miami — this classic dish is served alongside strong, sweet coffee, but you can dole it out with chips or french fries.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 slices good-quality French bread
- Mustard (plain yellow is fine)
- Mayonnaise
- Dill pickles, sliced crosswise
- 2-3 slices Swiss cheese
- 2-3 slices ham
- 2-3 slices roast pork
- Softened butter

"PUT ON some Cuban music for background," says George Zamorano of Capitol Hill's Cuban go-to spot, Banana Cafe. Spread a teaspoon or two of mustard on one piece of bread and mayonnaise on the other. Place pickles on one slice; then layer cheese, ham and roast pork on the other. Assemble sandwich and butter outsides of bread. Place sandwich in an electric sandwich press, or put in grill pan and carefully weight it (use a brick or heavy pot lid). Grill four to five minutes per side; it's done when the cheese melts. Slice sandwich on the diagonal and serve. COURTESY GEORGE ZAMORANO, BANANA CAFE

put a fried egg on top."

Today provides a great excuse to chow down on Cuban food. It's Cuban Independence Day, heralding the country's freedom in 1902 from Spain after nearly 400 years. Diving headlong into a plate of ropa seems like a tasty way to mark the occasion — or prep for a trip to Havana. AMY ROGERS NAZAROV



MARGEL/EXPRESS

KING CARNE: At Banana Cafe, nuevo Latino twists on trad Cuban dishes include a decadent pizza topped with picadillo, a soulful mixture of beef, pork and spices.

A Bite in Old Havana

Delve into Cuban culture in your own cucina by making a stew or sandwich

It's getting easier every day to board a plane to Cuba. But you don't have to finagle a ticket to the communist island to enjoy some of its tastiest dishes.

At restaurants such as Banana Cafe (500 Eighth St. SE; 202-543-5906), Habana Village (1834 Columbia Road NW; 202-462-6310) and Cuba de Ayer (15446 Old Columbia Pike; Burtonsville, Md.; 301-476-9622), you can order up ropa vieja — literally, "old clothes," a reference to the flank steak dish's shredded-to-a-rag texture — or picadillo, a chili-like meat specialty often ladled over rice.

Or cook these platos cubanos

autenticos at home, as insurance exec Giancarlo Ladaga does. The 36-year-old lives in Fairfax County and credits his mom with teaching him the way around a Cuban kitchen. Born on the island, Ladaga immigrated in 1980 at age 7 with his family in the Mariel Boatlift, a six-month exodus of thousands of Cubans out of that country to the U.S.

For ropa vieja, "my mom puts the meat in a pressure cooker for 15 or 20 minutes to break it up, then adds Creole seasoning, onions, minced garlic" and other flavorings, he says.

Ladaga's mother frowns on his making the dish in his slow cooker; she thinks "I'm wasting time." His way might be more convenient, Ladaga says, but even he acknowledges something is lacking: "My ropa is good, but

not as good as hers."

In the kitchen at Cuba de Ayer (translation: "Cuba of Yesterday"), Mayra Lopez, another Cuban émigré, puts her heritage to work preparing picadillo and other traditional dishes.

Onions, garlic and lots and lots of meat headline in the hearty dishes of the Caribbean island.

"We first do a sofrito"—a savory base of flavors that permeate the dish—"of onion, garlic, green and red pepper," says Jessica Rodriguez, 32, Lopez's daughter-in-law and Cuba de Ayer's manager.

"We also add red wine, raisins and cubed potatoes." A quarter of the orders going back to the kitchen are for Lopez's picadillo, Rodriguez says.

Over at Banana Cafe, picadillo is spread onto pizza crust and topped with mozzarella, or stuffed into timbales made of plantains, says general manager Grant Leygraaf.

David Guas, 34, might rotate a Cuban pressed sandwich into the offerings at his forthcoming Bayou Bakery, set to open next month in the former Murky Coffee (at the intersection of Fairfax Drive and Wilson Boulevard in Arlington). The first-generation Cuban American loves the contrasts embedded in his family's picadillo. "The sweetness of the raisins plus the saltiness of the olives are delicious," Guas says. "And we'd

Poll Center

WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN IDOL?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

LAMBERT 62%

ALLEN 38%

"Kris should win. Adam is a wannabe glam rocker, not a singer. Kris is a true musician; Adam is a performer. Depends on what you want in your American Idol."

COMMENTER CONNIE IN MANASSAS, WHO ADDED, "ALTHOUGH, I THINK KRIS WOULD BE THE WISER CHOICE, AS HE IS RADIO-FRIENDLY AND AND WILL SELL RECORDS WHETHER HE WINS OR NOT."

"This year's American Idol should be the same as every year ... the soldier, teacher, police officer, fireman, etc."

COMMENTER AN AMERICAN, WHO ADDED, "THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THIS COUNTRY FUNCTION AND KEEP IT SAFE SHOULD BE IDOLIZED, NOT THE PEOPLE WHO ENTERTAIN US."

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"TWO NEW BUSINESSES have opened on either side of the derelict building: the Gin & Tonic Tavern and Z Burger, a local fast-food joint. Neither has offered comparable entertainment."

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"I APPRECIATE cool weather, but this is starting to get ridiculous. I should not be wearing pants and a jacket in May, and still feeling chilly. The only upside is it provided a nice excuse to bust out this ridiculously preppy old-school Ralph Lauren jacket I've been storing for a while."

DISTRICTOFCHIC.COM IS READY FOR THE WEATHER TO GET WARM, AND STAY WARM, IN THE D.C. AREA.



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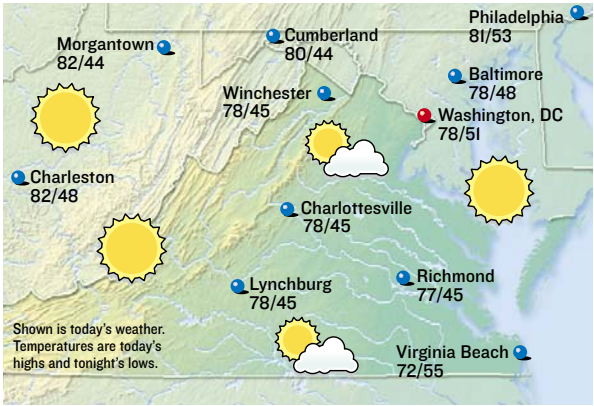
"I am sitting here watching Michael Steele give a speech, because I like to torture myself. I don't know if he doesn't believe his own crap or if he is just a bad speaker."

BUDDHASWIIWHISKERS.BLOGSPOT.COM WENT TO HEAR THE RNC CHAIRMAN, ADDING, "I AM MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN LIBERAL, BUT IF THE REPUBLICANS STICK WITH HIS IDEAS FOR OUR FUTURE, I MAY WRITE IN ROSS PEROT IN 2012."

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Nice, sunny	Clear	Mostly sunny	Warm	Partly cloudy, a t-storm possible	Variably cloudy, a t-storm possible
78°	51°	84° / 57°	82° / 62°	81° / 61°	76° / 60°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.
Temperature
High 68°
Low 45°
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Normal low 57°
Average humidity 41%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 5.28"
Normal month to date 2.32"
Year to date 14.50"
Last year to date 21.89"
Normal year to date 14.53"

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Regional Forecast

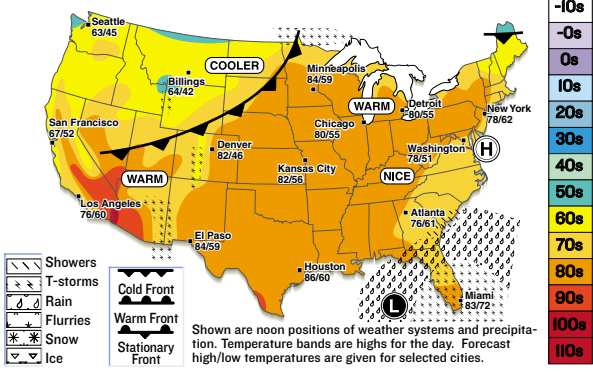
D.C. Metro: Today, sunny. High 78. Wind south 4-8 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 51. Wind south 4-8 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. High 84. Wind south 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:18 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:06 a.m.
Moonset today 4:17 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, May 20



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/61/pc	80/61/pc
Boston	72/58/s	86/62/s
Chicago	80/55/s	81/53/pc
Dallas	82/60/s	84/64/pc
Denver	82/46/t	58/44/t
Honolulu	82/69/pc	85/69/s
Los Angeles	76/60/pc	76/58/pc
Miami	83/72/r	86/74/t
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Orlando	77/68/r	84/69/t
Seattle	63/45/s	68/47/s

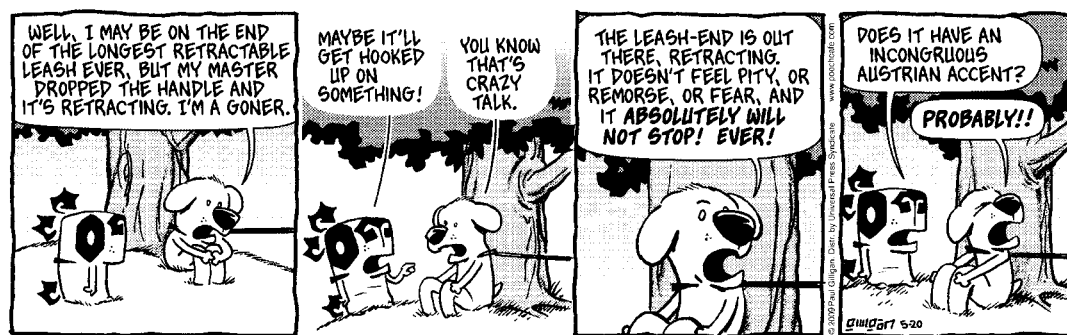
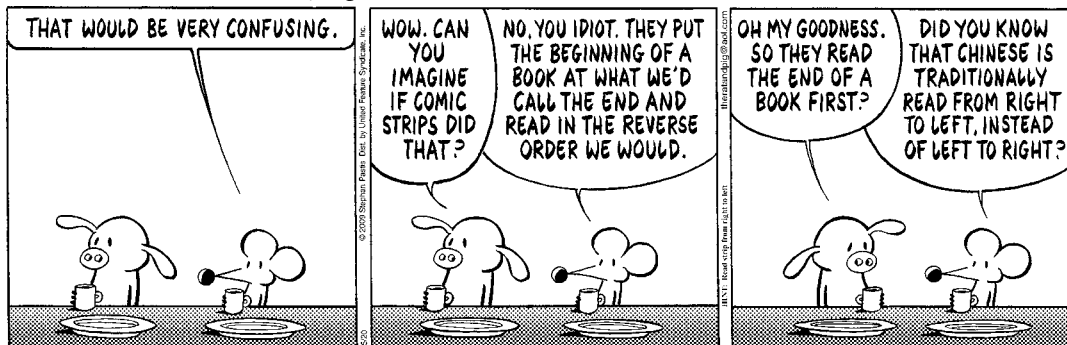
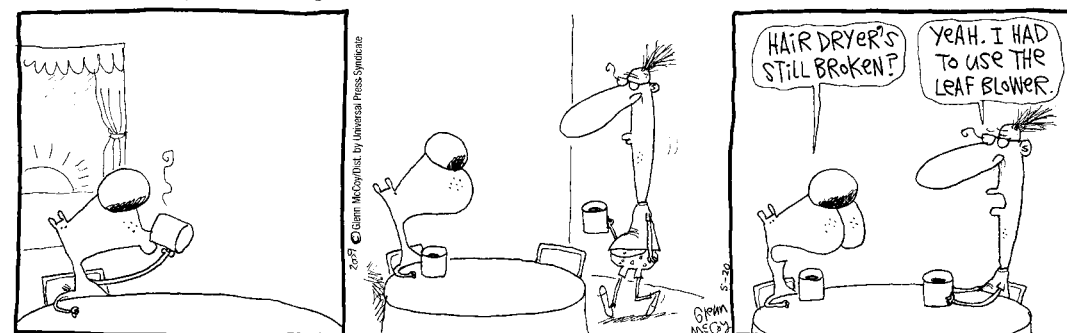
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	65/54/pc	64/50/pc
Athens	77/63/s	79/63/s
Berlin	72/57/pc	73/54/t
Buenos Aires	72/63/pc	73/66/c
Calgary	44/31/sh	59/35/pc
Dublin	57/45/r	55/46/r
Geneva	78/54/s	80/59/pc
Moscow	66/46/sh	66/48/r
Rome	81/61/s	82/64/s
Sydney	64/59/sh	66/57/sh
Tokyo	79/68/sh	79/64/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"It seems that you lack a sense of direction. I'll send you a better map."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll want to dive right into the task that is the most challenging. Later on, you'll enjoy a moment that allows real relaxation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The quicker you are to swing into action, the better the results — most of the time. In certain areas, caution is advised.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're not likely to get all the answers, but if you have the right pieces of information, you can begin to see a rewarding pattern.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be quite emotional — even for you. Don't make too many impulsive decisions and lock yourself into anything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Once you hear no enough times in sequence, you'll realize that it's an answer you must live with. Contradictions abound.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Before you follow your instincts into something that might be too much for you at this time, stop, look and listen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Even while

you encourage another to attempt something yet untried, you'll be considering the same kind of thing yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may encounter a little chaos on the financial front — but you're getting used to that. Experience guides you well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be expected to carry more of a burden than usual — and you cannot avoid getting a little emotional about it all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may not be getting the credit that you think you deserve, but someone out there knows that you are the one making things happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A quiet, understanding and sympathetic approach to another's problems is sure to win the day. A valuable new friendship is in the making.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not have the focus, powers of concentration or attention span that you are used to bragging about. Avoid pressing issues.

Today in History

1927 Charles Lindbergh takes off from New York's Roosevelt Field in Long Island aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

1932 Amelia Earhart takes off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

1959 Nearly 5,000 Japanese-Americans have their citizenship restored after renouncing it during World War II.

1961 A white mob attacks a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send U.S. marshals to restore order.

1999 A 15-year-old boy opens fire at Heritage High School in Conyers, Ga., wounding



Sen. Ted Kennedy was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor May 20, 2008.

six students. (T.J. Solomon was sentenced to 40 years in prison, but a judge later cut that sentence in half.)

2008 Sen. Ted Kennedy is diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor; some experts give the Massachusetts Democrat less than a year to live.

lookout people



Angelina and chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo are both chiseled.

TRIALS
Strong Cheekbones Intimidate Defense

ANGELINA JOLIE sat in a court-side booth Tuesday at the International Criminal Court in the Hague, Netherlands, and watched the trial of a Congolese warlord charged with using child soldiers. Jolie said the case against Thomas Lubanga is a “landmark trial for children.” (AP)

NON-DEATH
Swayze Is Still Alive

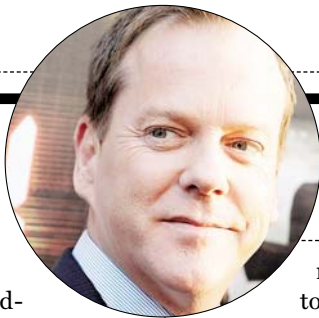
PATRICK SWAYZE is not dead, his publicist confirmed after a rumor spread Tuesday morning. “Patrick Swayze did not pass away this morning, contrary to severely reckless reports stemming from a radio station in Jacksonville, Fla,” she said. (AP)

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RULINGS
Judge Says ‘Pledge THAT’

A judge in Miami won't throw out a lawsuit claiming PARIS HILTON didn't live up to her promotion contract for the 2006 movie “Pledge This!” U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno ruled Monday there are enough issues in dispute for a trial to begin on June 8. The film company contends that Hilton's failure to plug the movie's DVD release cost investors \$8.3 million. (AP)



OOPS
Mindless Remark Mistakenly Taken for Wit

It was either inadvertent or an attempt at humor when KIEFER SUTHERLAND invited hundreds of advertisers Monday to join him at the bar. The star of Fox's “24” was charged with third-degree assault for head-butting a fashion designer at a New York nightclub earlier this

Advertisers can't wait for the head-butt reenactment.

month. He returned to New York Monday for Fox's annual presentation of next season's schedule to TV advertising executives. Sutherland thanked advertisers for all their support, then told them he'd be at Fox's party. He said, “I will be looking for you at the bar,” inciting loud laughter. (AP)



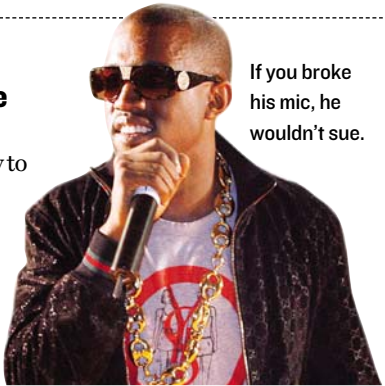
A spokeswoman for “Survivor” confirmed that Zohn has a rare cancer.

AILING
‘Survivor’ Star Has Tough Battle Ahead

ETHAN ZOHN, who outlasted the competition to win “Survivor: Africa” in 2002, is undergoing chemotherapy for a rare form of Hodgkin's disease. The former soccer player was diagnosed in late April, when a swollen lymph node was discovered beneath his collar bone and a mass was located on the left side of his chest. (AP)

LIVELIHOOD
Paparazzi Are So Sensitive About Their Equipment

KANYE WEST has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from a scuffle with a paparazzo last year. West was arrested on Sept. 11 after an incident in which he was shown breaking a paparazzo's camera flash at Los Angeles International Airport. (AP)



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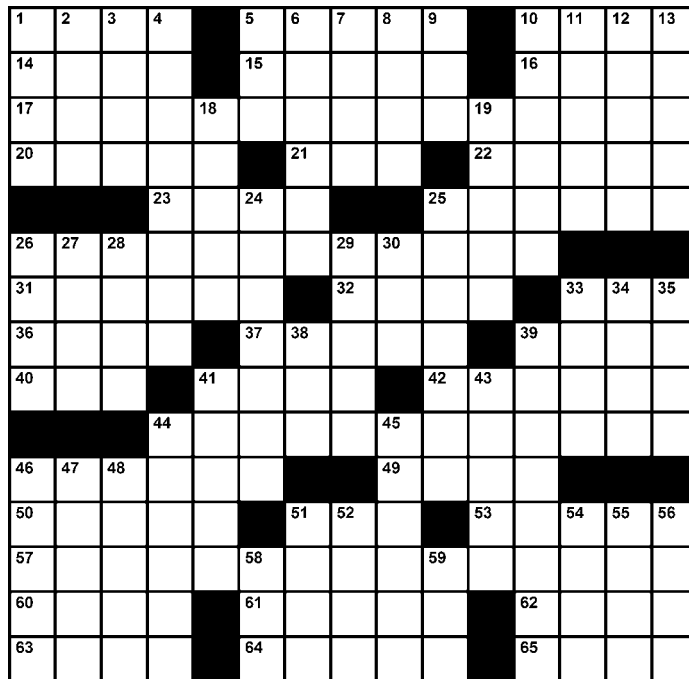
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5 Adult insect
10 Punjab prince
14 Arabian nights total
15 Like many tabloid stories
16 Twelfth Jewish month
17 Historical area in the Middle East
20 Poor film rating
21 Cover with turf
22 Big blood carrier
23 It may begin with grace
25 One doing some wooing
26 Completely clearing a debt
31 Homeowner, vis-a-vis the bank
32 Atoms with a charge
33 "30 Rock" network
36 Add fringe to, e.g.
37 Does high-tech eye surgery
39 Shovel's sandbox mate
40 Canine command
41 Bounder
42 List of book boo-boos
44 January phrase
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49 Wife and sister of Osiris
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51 Spam unit
53 "Get it?" motion
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60 "___! The Herald

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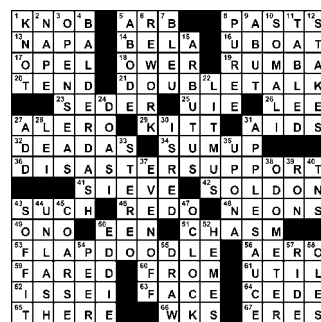
Angels Sing"
61 Twin Falls' home
62 Back side of a switch?
63 "60 Minutes" first name
64 Analyze in English class
65 Dear old men
1 "50s audiophile's purchase
2 "Easy ___ it"
3 Civil wrong, in law
4 Essential nutrient
5 Kind of temper or treatment
6 Granolalike breakfast food
7 With the bow, in music
8 ___ one's loins
9 Ceremonious poem
10 Shrink back in horror
11 On the qui vive
12 Self-appointed committee
13 Sacrifice site
18 Cara in "Fame"
19 Bellow and Steinberg
24 Lasting quite a while
25 Romantic sights
26 Commoner
27 Assistance provider
28 Safecracker, slangily
29 First-generation Japanese-American
30 "Friend or ___?"
33 Palindromic Indian bread
34 Tug on the



fishing line
35 Attack, cat-style
38 Third-quarter mo.
39 Supposed
41 "Lather, ___, repeat"
43 River through Switzerland
44 Composer Nikolai ___-Korsakov
45 Critical innings
46 ___ male (top dog)
47 "The Yankee Doodle Boy" songwriter

48 Stockpile
51 Musical closing passage
52 Where some travelers come from
54 "Cannery Row" character
55 The Beach Boys' "___ Vibrations"
56 "Dukes of Hazzard" character
58 Drink daintily
59 Cultivation tool

Yesterday's Solution



SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/do/ku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

5	3	1	8	4	9	6	2	7
2	9	7	1	6	5	4	8	3
8	4	6	7	3	2	5	1	9
1	2	3	5	9	8	7	6	4
6	8	9	2	7	4	3	5	1
7	5	4	3	1	6	2	9	8
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4	6	5	9	8	7	1	3	2

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